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PETITION UNDER 37 § 1.313(c) TO
WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE

Sir:

Petitioner seeks to have the above-identified application withdrawn from issue in order to give the Examiner the opportunity to consider the references cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed by Applicants on May 12, 2006. The following facts are in support of this petition.

Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on February 27, 2006. On May 12, 2006, Applicants filed a Supplement Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the date of mailing of a first Action on the merits of this application. A Notice of Allowance was then mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 6, 2006.

Applicants subsequently received an Office Communication dated September 12, 2007 indicating that the IDS filed May 12, 2006 lacked a Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e). Although, as indicated by the facts presented hereinabove, Applicants believe the IDS was

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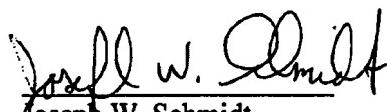
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properly filed without a certification, Applicants hereby submit this Petition. Also submitted with this Petition are an RCE and a copy of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the above showing of good and sufficient reasons why withdrawal of the application is necessary, the applicants hereby petition that the instant application be withdrawn from issue. Please charge the fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (h) to Deposit Account 21-0550. TWO (2) COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.

Respectfully submitted,



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